

The Focus

After eight years of supporting the 11 partner schools in Viqueque District it has become apparent that Geelong Viqueque Friendship Schools is now mainly focusing on the following four areas, the first two of which have mainly been made possible by the donation of John and Gael Butler:

1 Primary Teacher Training: The programs delivered in Viqueque by qualified Timorese teachers were widely acknowledged as being most helpful. Five programs have been delivered and two more are planned for later this year. The principal provider has been Mary MacKillop International.



2 School Libraries: The establishment and development of libraries in two pre secondary schools Cabira-oan and 01 Viqueque has been most beneficial to the students and teachers. The libraries have books in Tetun, English and Portuguese. The running costs of the library, particularly librarian salary will be covered by GVFS. Already we have seen many students using the libraries. The librarians are ensuring that books and other items are kept in good order. Books will also be donated to our other partner schools as well.



01 Viqueque

Cabira-oan

Trivia Night

Saturday 7 November



3 Scholarships:

A presentation ceremony held on Saturday 6 June at 01 Viqueque School was organized by Geelong Viqueque Friendship Schools Project Officer Mariano Da Silva.

Pre Secondary School to Secondary School \$100 for one year from 01 Viqueque, St Teresinha, Mundo Perdido or Cabira-oan schools

Noe Soares Pinto, Isabelita Pinto, Sonia da Silva Ribeiro, Andre S. da Costa Guterres, Julia da Silva, Gilmar da Costa da Silva, Jose da Costa Monteiro, Severinha Monteiro, Baltazar M. da Silva, Angelita Gomes, Jose SS. Pinto

Pre Secondary School to Fatumacca Technical College \$1,600 over three years

Year 3 Antoninho Soares Pinto - Viqueque 01, Janio Taek - St Teresinha
Year 1 Constancio Amarel Monteiro - St Teresinha

Secondary School to Tertiary Institution \$ 500 over three years to University National Timor Leste or UNPAS from Calixa, 4 Setembro, St Estevao or Olocasa schools

Year 3 Jamie S.Viana, Gizelda Quintao, Lucio Alves
Year 2 Josefina da Silva Soares, Filomena da Silva, Joao Amaral Pereira, Cesaltino Baptista
Year 1 Francisca G. Viegas, Norberto Celestino Soares, Rosalia de Fatima S.Pinto, Sebastiao, Inacio Urbano, Imaculada die Ferreira, Maria Gusmao Alves, Nelson T. Ruas

4 Good Teaching Practices: Geelong teachers have demonstrated good teaching practices. Senior students are increasingly assisting teachers in this work. Learn more about what has been happening in Viqueque please consider attending our AGM when short presentations will be made by Geelong teachers who visited Viqueque this year.

Annual General Meeting

7:30pm Wednesday 9 September 2015, Multipurpose Room Clonard College Church Street Geelong West

Clonard College Visit Uaimori



Clonard College travelled to Timor Leste on Friday 19th June with 13 Year 11 students and two current staff, Michael McCallum former staff member (now currently based in Malaysia) Penny Dewar who planned the itinerary and led the excursion though



Friday 19th June with 13 Year 11 students and Kristin Flynn. They were met in Dili by (in Malaysia) Penny Dewar who planned the Timor Leste.

After a brief stop for breakfast in Dili, the group travelled to Bacau by mini bus. Whilst in Bacau for three days the group met with the Afalyca Community Art Centre, the CTID College and the Good Crocodile Foundation in Triloka village. We also had the opportunity of visiting the local beach for a swim!

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The group then moved on to Viqueque where we stayed at the orphanage. We met with Kardinia College there and completed some of their painting on some ceilings in the orphanage after they had left. The Clonard group also painted the outer walls of three double classrooms at our sister primary school Uaimori and played games with the students. A donation was also presented to Mr Bernardo, principal for the re-roofing of the school library and for major shelving works inside it. This donation came from fund-raising by the students in the form of a Year 11 College social with St Josephs, a Night Market, BBQs and an Easter raffle.

The next stop was back in Dili where we took the opportunity to visit the Santa Cruz cemetery, Chega! and the Resistance Museum. From there we travelled to Atauro Island for two nights, returning for Dili for one final night before returning home.

Become a Supporter

Membership: Adult \$20, Students \$5: Direct Debit: Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000 Account 132923756 Reference: Membership or Cheque: Geelong Viqueque Friendship Schools, Treasurer, Michael Wright 45 Itkeston St Herne Hill 3218

Trivia Night

Saturday 7 November
Geelong West Town Hall

Our last two have been sell outs
(Details in next Newsletter)